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Timely Tidbits ...

Well Hearing Set

The US Environmental Protection Agency has notified Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc., that it intends to terminate federal permits allowing the injection of hazardous waste into two underground disposal wells at a facility in Romulus. An EPA press release issued on April 13 said that the agency's decision was based on "numerous violations, including failing to notify the agency of an ownership transfer, at the now closed facility."

According to the EPA, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality inspectors found a leak in the surface piping of one of the wells during an October 2006 visit, and ordered the facility shut down. Subsequent EPA inspections confirmed the leak and identified other violations, leading the agency to propose a penalty of \$73,992.

Both EDS and the public will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed termination. The public comment period will begin April 23 and end June 8.

A public hearing will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23, at the Crowne Plaza (8000 Merriman Road, Romulus).

For more information, go to www.epa.gov/region5/water/uic/uicpub.htm.

City-wide Yard Sale

Romulus residents are invited to take part in the annual City-wide Yard Sale, set for Thursday, May 17, through Sunday, May 20. (If two or more of the sale dates are "rained out," the event will be rescheduled for May 31–June 3.)

To register for a free one-, two-, three-, or four-day sale permit – and have your address included in free newspaper advertising for the event – stop in at the Romulus Recreation Department's administrative office (11189 Shook) no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26. Residents registering after the deadline will still receive a free permit, but may not be included in any advertisements.

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School Board Candidates Comment on Issues



Sandra L. Crout

To help voters decide whom they will support in the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education election on Tuesday, May 8, "the little paper" distributed a questionnaire to the three candidates vying for the single available seat.

Altogether, the candidates were asked to respond to five questions, some of which were deliberately general in format to give everyone a chance to focus on the issues of their choice. Personal data was also solicited to give voters some idea about each candidate's background, experience, and knowledge of/dedication to the community.

No word limit was placed on the responses; candidates were invited to provide as much detail as they wished.

To avoid the appearance of giving anyone preferential treatment, the responses are arranged alphabetically, according to the candidates' last names.

Sandra L. Crout

Age: 59

Education: (no response)

Occupation:

Financial Director, 34th District Court (10 years)

Military service: (no response)

Government/school offices or agencies, community-service groups, and/or churches of which you are currently a member:

member and assistant treasurer, American Progressive Association; member and past treasurer, Romulus Democratic Club



Danielle Funderburg

Other community-service work performed in the past year:

I am active in various church activities and community functions, including Flag Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Walk, annual Soul Food Dinner, Ministerial Alliance Good Friday Walk, Helping Hand, and CROP Walk

Marital status/name of spouse:

married to Harry Crout 31 years

Children (if any):

Terri and Scott; grandchildren – Savannah and Miranda

Number of years as a resident within the school district:

41 years

Telephone number and/or e-mail

address where residents can contact you with questions and/or concerns:

734-955-6234

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Question #1: Given that a candidate's campaign platform is composed of many planks, what single issue is your top priority as you seek election to the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education? Why is it so important to you, and what do you plan to do to promote it, if you are elected?

There are many important issues facing our district at this time. However, the most important one is our financial situation and maintaining a quality education for every student. It is important to me because knowledge lasts a lifetime, and education is our future.



Niema White

Question #2: As the Board addresses the issue of budget cuts for the 2007–2008 school year, what areas do you believe should be cut first? What areas must be protected at all costs? (Please be specific.)

Any and all cuts are difficult to do; however, we must cut in the areas where it will least affect our students. In order to be more specific, I would need access to our current and proposed budgets. Cuts should be made across the board in order to maintain fairness.

At all costs, we must provide competent teachers with manageable classroom sizes and books, plus transportation to a clean, safe school.

What is our share of producing, printing, and mailing *The Link*? We have *Perspective*. I'd rather see it sent home with students, and the postage money be spent on books. We could place a stack at City Hall and the Senior Center.

Question #3: As the District faces increasing financial strictures, what can the Board of Education do to bring in additional funding to maintain programs and services? (Please be specific.)

Funding is determined at the State level. Therefore, our options are limited. We can look for any available grants. We must stress to lawmakers that funding needs to be included in their legislature. We have "No Child Left Behind" and new requirements for graduation – but no additional money. We should consider the possibility of prescription

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coverage being self-insured so we could spend the saved dollars elsewhere.

Question #4: In your opinion, what methods should the District use to encourage Romulus parents to keep their children in (or come back to) the Romulus Community Schools? (Please be specific.)

We need to stress all our accomplishments. We have two Blue Ribbon schools. We have advanced technology. We need a slogan: *Try us for one year. Give your local schools a chance. Every student counts – we need you ...*

It is important that everyone is informed about how it affects their neighborhood schools when there's a declining attendance. City boundaries and School District boundaries are different, so limited School of Choice was opened. This increases our State funding dollars.

People sending their children to other schools say it's okay because their tax dollars are still going to Romulus. This is wrong information. The bond millage portion stays here, but, due to Proposal A, 6.0 mills of school tax dollars go to the State and are returned based on the Student Count Day attendance.

Question #5: Why are you seeking election to the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education, and what makes you the best candidate for the job?

I have a vested interest in the District with one grandchild in Romulus Middle School and one grandchild in Barth Elementary. I think my purchasing and accounting background will be an asset in making difficult financial decisions.

Danielle Funderburg

Age: 41

Education:

Oakland University, 1989
(Bachelor of Arts in Communication with a Minor in Advertising)

Occupation:

Homemaker
Graphic Designer

Military service: (no response)

Government/school offices or agencies, community-service groups, and/or churches of which you are currently a member:

Word of Faith International Christian Center; Wick Parents Whom Care (WPWC) Parent Support Group, Wick Elementary; The Commons Subdivision No. 2

Other community-service work performed in the past year:

participated in the Romulus Community City-wide Cleanup; served as a parent volunteer at Wick Elementary and a Reality Store volunteer at Romulus Middle School; assisted my son on his second-grade service project; worked on a food drive for Helping Hand

Marital status/name of spouse:

married for 16 years to Gerod Funderburg

Children (if any):

daughter, 9 years old, and son, 7 years old; both attend Wick Elementary

Number of years as a resident within the school district:

moved here in 2003 (4 years)

Telephone number and/or e-mail address where residents can contact you with questions and/or concerns:

funderburg4rcsb@aol.com

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Question #1: Given that a candidate's campaign platform is composed of many planks, what single issue is your top priority as you seek election to the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education? Why is it so important to you, and what do you plan to do to promote it, if you are elected?

My primary plank remains the same: making sure our children are prepared to excel and compete globally with other children as they exit the secondary school system.

It is important to me because I have

two children, and it concerns me as a parent thinking about what type of world they will have to look forward to when they reach adulthood. Michigan's economic crisis is alarming, and the dependency we have had on the auto industry and other major American industries has been severed. Jobs are being shifted and shipped outside of our state and U.S. borders. Machines are replacing humans, and the gap between the poor and the rich is widening, all while middle-class America is slowly vanishing.

Our nation's educational climate compared to other countries is nothing short of tragic, and we are losing our place as a forerunner in the world's economy. We would do our children and ourselves a great injustice if we don't help them properly prepare NOW for their futures. I refuse to sit idle and watch this deterioration disrupt children's opportunities for successful living, moral awareness, and productivity. I believe that what I do today can positively impact our children's tomorrow. As a parent and an active school volunteer, it is my responsibility to make sure that children are being equipped with pertinent knowledge and resources, and that they are being empowered with confidence to pursue whatever career endeavors they choose. We need to pledge that we will direct our children in identifying their

'purposes' in life, and offer much guidance and a strategic plan for achieving those goals and aspirations.

I propose to raise the college and vocational expectations of students, parents, and the community by:

- increasing awareness of scholarship opportunities;
- putting greater emphasis on college enrollments that are based on academic excellence, rather than just athletic achievements; and
- informing families that college and vocational opportunities can be attainable goals for their child(ren).

By keeping a finger on the pulse of college tuition costs, beneficial information can be given to parents and students using the vehicle of informational workshops on how to pay for college. Businesses, local universities, and prominent community leaders can sponsor these workshops. Partnerships with local universities to create avenues where students can take college courses and receive transferable college credits can also be established. Exposure to this college environment is key, and an informed parent is a needed asset for successful student achievement. For example, most students and parents aren't aware of (or miss) opportunities such as taking advantage of the ACT

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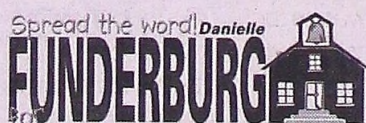
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qualified and committed



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I'm not a politician, I'm a concerned and involved parent. I want our children to reach their personal best and provide a school system the community can boast about and I'm willing to work hard as a board trustee to ensure those goals.



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college entrance exam. Students can take the test several times (for a small fee) and choose which score to submit. This information opens a door for scholarships and a higher entrance probability into mainstream universities.

Continued education should be expected for our students in this day and age, and we should accept nothing less. They have the capacity to achieve, and the parents and the community will begin to reciprocate with opportunities to facilitate those achievements by offering partnerships and scholarships.

Question #2: As the Board addresses the issue of budget cuts for the 2007-2008 school year, what areas do you believe should be cut first? What areas must be protected at all costs? (Please be specific.)

The things that put Romulus on the map as an up-and-coming district are the things that have been cut or are threatened to be cut in the coming months. I think that, first and foremost, we should begin to put energy into bringing money into the District. Ways to increase revenue have not been fully explored, and I personally would like to exhaust those options first.

Unfortunately, trimming one thing in our district isn't going to solve our financial woes.

The District should strongly consider shifting the financial burden for the busing services we provide our students for after-school functions/detentions. Surrounding school districts have shifted that responsibility to the parents. Right now, at the elementary level, if a bus is needed to transport students after hours, a fee is charged for that usage. The parents and the parent groups agree that, in order for extracurricular events to take place, the minimal hourly fee is a small request when weighed against the overall reason for that request — assuring that our children have the resources needed to extend learning beyond the classroom. We should continue to examine those options and see if this offers any long-term savings.

If enrollment numbers continue to decline, another option would be to close a building. As much as the residents, students, and employees don't want this to be considered, it is the reality we face as a district. We dig ourselves into deeper debt holding on to property we cannot afford. On the opposite side of the spectrum, if the community is willing to pay for the building to stay open, then we will have to dig into our pockets to afford this decision. Ultimately, it should be up to the voters to decide this fate.

The areas I would like to preserve are curriculum (including music, art, and

physical education, especially at the elementary levels) and job retention. The "arts" in elementary are usually the first curriculum cuts to meet the chopping block. We shouldn't penalize the children for our shortcomings. Further, after witnessing the spiraling trend of unemployment, contributing to those numbers doesn't sit well with me. Since I've been a part of this school district, it has become very apparent that a large majority of its workforce is made up of Romulus residents. If those jobs are cut, the District will in turn cut into its own tax base (income), possibly causing detriment to the District's long-term capabilities.

Question #3: As the District faces increasing financial strictures, what can the Board of Education do to bring in additional funding to maintain programs and services? (Please be specific.)

The State of Michigan is trying to find additional resources to aid in the education of its finest resource, our children. Unfortunately, it has gone to the age-old solution of asking for more tax dollars instead of addressing root problems, like misappropriation of funds and disappearing companies that can provide tax base. The State has said on various occasions that it would increase the per-pupil spending amount, and I think they should be held accountable to that commitment. With this in mind, stronger relationships with our State Representatives and Senators should be nurtured so that we can be properly represented. If Romulus has a face of individuals they can be held accountable to, we can get better results and not just rhetoric. Our public officials should be reminded that, in 1994, Proposal A's 2% increase in the sales tax, homestead limits, and collections of income, use, real estate transfer, and cigarette taxes were supposed to be used for the School Education Fund, not balancing the budget. The lottery was also intended to provide additional support for the School Fund above and beyond the promises of Proposal A. This, unfortunately, is not the case. The shifting of monies (general school fund money swapped out for lottery funds) to other departments, and the deduction in the amount of monies received from the general school fund, is what's taking place. That's like getting birthday money from a relative, and having your employer decide to deduct an equal or greater amount from your wages because you received extra discretionary income!

We should be in constant contact with union representatives on how we can save money in the District without losing personnel in the process. The District should devise a recruitment/marketing plan to increase our student enrollment numbers. More students

equal more dollars, so stronger emphasis should be placed on this area. Find out why parents choose to go elsewhere to educate their child. Offer incentives to come back to the District.

Also, review old contracts and re-bid contracts that are about to expire; there could be possible savings there. Establish resident and non-resident fees for the Boys & Girls Club. Neighboring communities take advantage of the service we provide our residents, and I believe that if they want to experience the same savings on that service, then they should enroll their child in the Romulus Community Schools. (We currently have two schools with open enrollment.) I would also dare to say that children who are Romulus residents, but aren't enrolled in the Romulus Community Schools, should pay a slight increase (but less than non-residents' fees) to utilize Boys & Girls Club services, as well. Finally, partner with surrounding businesses that can provide financial or grant assistance for different areas in our school (e.g., a partnership with Google could be very beneficial for our technology department). It could result in hardware/software capabilities or pay the wages of an employee instructing at the secondary level.

Question #4: In your opinion, what methods should the District use to encourage Romulus parents to keep their children in (or come back to) the Romulus Community Schools? (Please be specific.)

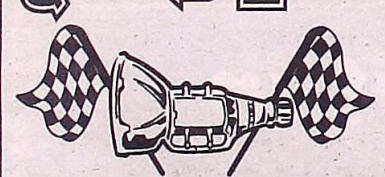
Romulus has to compete with surrounding school districts and schools of choice. The District should address the major reasons of WHY parents are leaving the District. When discussing this topic with parents who live in Romulus, but whose children attend outside districts, I found that their reasons for enrollment in other districts included class size, which was number one on the list. No parent wants his/her child in an overcrowded class, period! By assuring parents that class sizes will not exceed contractual agreements, and informing them of the student/teacher ratio, parents will be more inclined to enroll their child into our school system.

Disciplinary problems are another great concern amongst parents, and should be immediately addressed by administering greater consequences for repeat offenders and expulsion if they don't comply. Students should not be passed from school to school within the District when they have evident behavioral issues. If, after every avenue for behavioral correction has been exhausted, a child still has not shown improvement, we should realize that we don't have the resources available to successfully educate that student, and send him/her to a district that can better meet his/her needs. Romulus does have

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the right to expel a child if he/she cannot willfully comply with school conduct codes, and I feel the District should exercise that right more often and have stricter enforcement if those rules are breached.

Another popular topic is the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP). As much as we don't like it, the MEAP seems like Michigan's top choice for measuring student/teacher performance, and District scores need considerable improvement, especially at the secondary levels. Educators know that there are many reasons why children perform less than average on standardized tests, and they also know that true educational performance cannot be harnessed in the form of a standardized test. Parents, however, see just the results, and they use these scores as measuring devices on the District's performance for teaching students. They rationalize this way: If the students aren't passing the MEAP, then the curriculum isn't superior; if the curriculum isn't superior, it must be inferior. RESULT: I don't want my child receiving an inferior education. Parents view this test as viable information, and we should put greater emphasis on improving test-taking strategies, using early detection methods to identify children who are intimidated by the standardized test process, and reinforcing MEAP language usage when teaching in the classroom to improve student accuracy.

Other minor reasons were District loyalty and "relationships". Parents did not want to disrupt their child's social setting by having him/her change schools, make new friends, and lose the comfort associated with the familiarity of staff/teachers at their child's school. These concerns can be addressed by relationship-building techniques. Provide school functions that invite the community to participate and, thereby, establish trust with residents. Holding open houses for new homeowners in the Spring (instead of in the Summer/Fall, after enrollment choices have already been decided) and working with neighborhood associations to familiarize children and their families with "future" classmates and parents, would also be helpful. Neighborhood associations could also be an extension of the schools, used to welcome new residents and educate others about the School District. A committee could be formed to assist in formal introductions with new neighbors, and help them get acquainted with neighborhood schools, city municipalities, and churches.

Question #5: Why are you seeking election to the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education, and what makes you the best candidate for the job?

My children are my greatest assets.

and I owe it to them to make sound decisions regarding their educational futures. I have been a participant in and advocate for their educational needs, and I would like to expand that participation and advocacy to include Romulus children. I'm a former youth counselor, cheer coach, and parent coordinator, and I have a great concern about the direction in which our educational system is headed. I'd like to be in the forefront, guiding our schools into educational excellence.

Running for School Board Trustee is not something I take lightly. I know it will be a tremendous charge to serve the residents of Romulus. I did not rush into this decision; I have given great consideration to the cost and sacrifice for my service, not just for myself but also for my family. The fate of the community will be harbored on my shoulders, and they will be counting on me to make important decisions regarding education, employment obligations, and policy.

What makes me qualified for this position is that this won't be an after-work venture for me. I have the luxury of being a homemaker, and this luxury gives me the liberty to be present in the schools during daytime hours when "business as usual" is taking place. I can keep abreast of the whole picture of education, not just side or tainted views.

I'm hardworking and approachable, and my communication degree, coupled with my advertising minor, gives me the tools needed to build beneficial relationships and offer effective marketing solutions to the District. My knowledge of District issues and community concerns will be advantageous when seeking resolutions.

By weighing the pros and cons, I will work hard to come up with answers and team up with others getting ideas and resources to tackle those issues.

Niema White

Age: 37

Education:

B.S. in Mass Communications from Tennessee State University, Nashville

Occupation:

Family & Community Partnership Specialist, Wayne County Head Start

Military service: (no response)

Government/school offices or agencies, community-service groups, and/or churches of which you are currently a member:

Secretary – Romulus Board of Education, President – Romulus Middle School Booster Club, member – American Progressive Association, Secretary – Gateway Homeowners Association, and member – NAACP

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**Other community-service work
performed in the past year:**

(no response)

Marital status/name of spouse:

single

Children (if any):

Averianna Richey - 7th-grader at
Romulus Middle School

Number of years as a resident

within the school district:

6 years

Telephone number and/or e-mail

**address where residents can
contact you with questions and/
or concerns:**

niema@sbcglobal.net

**Question #1: Given that a candi-
date's campaign platform is com-
posed of many planks, what single
issue is your top priority as you seek
election to the Romulus Community
Schools Board of Education? Why is
it so important to you, and what do
you plan to do to promote it, if you are
elected?**

Student achievement and the qual-
ity of education. Students must remain
competitive regarding academic achieve-
ment to be educationally equipped and
to stay competitive with the rest of the
nation's students. A quality education
provided by qualified staff in the Romu-
lus school district will produce outstand-
ing academic achievers.

**Question #2: As the Board ad-
dresses the issue of budget cuts for
the 2007-2008 school year, what
areas do you believe should be cut
first? What areas must be protected
at all costs? (Please be specific.)**

Operating administrative cost should
be cut first; educational instruction must
be protected at all cost, including trans-
portation and building maintenance.

**Question #3: As the District faces
increasing financial strictures, what
can the Board of Education do to
bring in additional funding to main-
tain programs and services? (Please
be specific.)**

The Board, along with the school
administrators, must continue to explore
additional grant funding.

**Question #4: In your opinion,
what methods should the District use
to encourage Romulus parents to
keep their children in (or come back
to) the Romulus Community Schools?
(Please be specific.)**

Improvement in educational gains
regarding standardized test scores, safe
environment, clean facilities, and highly
qualified instructional staff.

**Question #5: Why are you seek-
ing election to the Romulus Commu-
nity Schools Board of Education, and
what makes you the best candidate
for the job?**

I am seeking another term on the
Board of Education because the Board
together has made exemplary strides in
educational gains and managed the
schools budget. Continued cuts from
the State level have not impacted stu-
dent achievement; this comes from a
team of administrators and Board mem-
bers working collectively together to
make the best decisions which impact
the educational environment for our
children. I look forward to another term
to be able to serve the students and
families in the community. □

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Romulus High School Announces Dates for Senior Prom, Graduation

Don Foley, assistant principal at
Romulus High School, has compiled
the following list of special events to
update graduating seniors and their
parents.

- **Senior All-night Party**
(Friday, May 25, with lock-in from
10 p.m. to 5 a.m.; RHS field house);
- **Senior Final Exams**
(Thursday, May 31, during 4th,
5th, and 6th hours; seniors attend
from 10:34 a.m. to 2 p.m.; all un-
derclassmen will follow their regu-
lar schedule)
- **Senior Final Exams**
(Friday, June 1, during 1st, 2nd,
and 3rd hours; seniors attend from
7:15 a.m. to 10:34 a.m.; all un-
derclassmen will follow their regular
schedule)
- **Prom Toast**
(Wednesday, June 6, from 6 to 7
p.m.; RHS atrium);

- **Senior Prom**
(Wednesday, June 6, from 7:30
p.m. to midnight; Roostertail in
Detroit);

- **Commencement**
(Saturday, June 9, from 10 a.m.
sharp to 11 a.m.; RHS field house).

Foley asks parents to note that
admission to commencement will be
by ticket only. Tickets will be distrib-
uted to seniors during graduation re-
hearsal. All guests attending com-
mencement are to be seated *no later
than 9:30 a.m.* Late arrivals will not
be seated when it is disruptive to the
quality of the ceremony.

A professional photographer will
be taking pictures of each graduate,
and the ceremony will be videotaped.
Both photos and tapes will be avail-
able for purchase.

Questions may be directed to
Hoffman at 734-532-1014. □

Community Calendar

- **Used Book Sale** – The Friends of the Romulus Public Library will host their semiannual Used Book Sale from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, April 23, through Wednesday, April 25, and from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 28 (Bag Day). Adult hardcovers will be priced at just \$1.50; large paperbacks, \$1; paperbacks, \$.50; children's hardbacks, \$.50; children's paperbacks, \$.25; and CDs, DVDs, videos, and albums, \$1. Bag Day shoppers can fill a grocery bag for \$2.25. For more information, call 734-942-7589.
- **Senior Center Offers Trips** – The Romulus Senior Center invites local senior citizens to sign up for one or more of the following bus tours: **Simply Sinatra** (April 25; \$90), **Grand Mountaineer** (April 29; \$99), **Windsor Raceway** (May 8; \$10), **Little River** (May 20; \$90), **Kewadin/Sault Ste. Marie** (May 24; \$135), **Casino Windsor** (June 5; \$10), **Shipshewana** (June 27; \$65), **Windsor Raceway** (July 10; \$10), **Houghton Lake & Soaring Eagle** (July 23; \$60), **Circle A Great Lake** (Aug. 11; \$1,389), **Hiawatha** (August 15; \$20), **Cornwell Dinner Theater** (September 10; \$70), **Windsor Raceway** (September 11; \$10), or **Geritol Follies Christmas Show** (November 14; \$92). For more information, call 734-955-4120.
- **Horseshoe Pitcher's Association Opens** – The Wolverine State Horseshoe Pitcher's Association opened its season on Saturday, April 14, in Romulus. Anyone, regardless of skill level, is qualified to pitch in these tournaments. Membership in the WSHPA is \$30 per year, with an additional \$10 entry fee per tournament. Competing in five tournaments qualifies a pitcher for the State Tournament, to be held in Taylor on Labor Day weekend, and the World Tournament, which is set for July 23–August 4 in Ardmore, Oklahoma. There is also a **free** horseshoe league that will meet on Tuesday evenings throughout the spring and summer. The Romulus Horseshoe Club is located inside Elmer Johnson Park (9755 Ozga). For more information, contact Mark Wolfradt (313-562-3272) or Larry Norville (734-422-7530).
- **"Brain Food: What to Feed Your Child for Academic Success"** – Sandia Waller (nutritionist and author) and Kathleen Baxter (author of *Natural Foods Cookbook for Children*) will be the featured speakers at "Brain Food: What to Feed Your Child for Academic Success." The free program will be held at Sharon SDA Church (28537 Cherry Street, Inkster) on Sunday, April 22, at 3 p.m. Other highlights will include food demonstrations, lectures, and books. For information, call 734-722-2313.
- **Saturday Craft Classes** – Ages 3–adult (under 8 must be accompanied by an adult) can take part in these one-day classes, to be taught at the Romulus Recreation Center on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: **Spring Theme #1** (April 28) and **Spring Theme #2** (May 19). Cost is \$5 (cash only) per class, to be paid upon arrival. No preregistration is required. For more information, call 734-941-8665.
- **Free Dumping** – Just in time for "spring cleaning," the City of Romulus is sponsoring free dumping for *Romulus residents only* (proof of residency required) from Monday, May 14, through Saturday, May 19. Permitted items (see below for some restrictions) may be dumped at the Department of Public Works (12600 Wayne Road, between Goddard and Eureka) during the DPW's normal business hours. Restricted materials include "bulky" items such as furniture or *Freon-free* appliances (removal certification sticker required), construction debris, and tires. Hazardous materials cannot be accepted. For a comprehensive list of dumping rules, including items that will not be accepted, watch for flyers at City Hall or the DPW.
- **"Second Monday" Book Club** – Meetings of the Romulus Public Library's Second Monday Book Club – open to everyone 18 and older – are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, south of Goddard) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Advance registration is not required; just read the suggested book, then drop in. Copies of the suggested books will be available at the library, or library staff members can assist you in getting an interlibrary loan. Books planned for upcoming discussions include **Wild Rose** by Ann Blackman (May 14) and **A Suitable Vengeance** by Elizabeth George (June 11). For more information, please call 734-942-7589 during the library's regular business hours: Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday from 12 to 5 p.m.
- **Softball Leagues Now Forming** – The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation is working with the Westland and Wayne recreation departments to form new softball leagues. Choose Men's, Women's or Co-ed leagues playing a variety of schedules. For more information, call Kristin Irwin at the Romulus Recreation Center: 734-941-8665.

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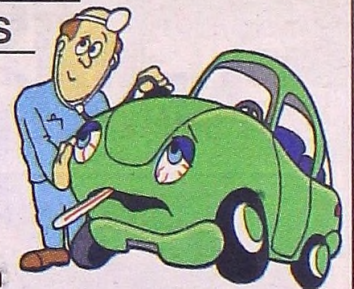
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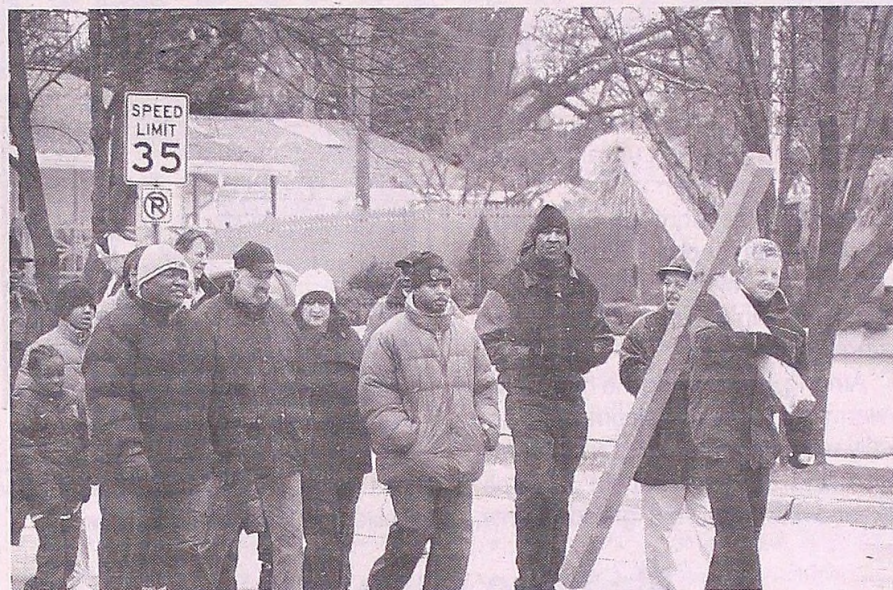
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Holiday Celebrations



Cold weather didn't deter dozens of local Christians from taking part in the annual Good Friday March, which was organized by the Romulus Ministerial Association. Marchers began their commemorative journey at Romulus Historical Park, singing inspirational songs and taking turns bearing a symbolic cross until they arrived at Romulus Wesleyan Church, where a nondenominational service concluded the event.

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The Stork Arrived

Hadley Yvonne Hatfield

Proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, Hadley Yvonne Hatfield, are Mike and Stacey (Luczak) Hatfield of Hamburg, Michigan.

Hadley was born at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital (Superior Township, MI) at 11:27 p.m. on Friday, February 2, 2007, weighing 8 lbs., 3 oz., and measuring 20 in.

Among those giving the new arrival a warm and loving welcome into the family were her paternal grandparents, Jesse and Beverly Hatfield (Monroe, MI), and her maternal grandparents,



Hadley Yvonne Hatfield

Rick Luczak (Romulus, MI) and Jason and Bonnie Frontiera (Hamburg).

Madison Irene Hunt



Madison Irene Hunt

Proud parents Dale Hunt and Lindsay Rhoton of Romulus, Michigan, are overjoyed to welcome their first child, Madison Irene Hunt, into the world.

Madison was born in Garden City Hospital at 8:45 p.m. on Friday, February 23, 2007, weighing 8 lbs., 2 oz., and measuring 21 in.

Among those giving the new arrival a warm welcome into the family were her grandparents, Tim and Cindy Rhoton (Romulus), and her great-grandmother, Nellie Chadwick (Romulus). □

Obituary

Edna H. Milatz



Edna Milatz

Edna enjoyed participating in the preparation of dinners at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (Belleville, MI), where she was a lifelong member. Her other interests included cooking, canning, crocheting, traveling, bargain shopping, and watching Tigers baseball.

Surviving Edna are 3 daughters, Carol Danklefsen (Coopersville, MI), Janet (Mike) Kronk (Traverse City, MI), and Donna (Jim) VerCande; a sister, Irma Wells (Romulus); 8 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Among those who preceded her in passing were her husband, Frank D. Milatz; a son, Robert Milatz; a son-in-law, Donald Danklefsen; and a sister, Anna M. Wohlfeil.

A funeral service was held on Monday, April 9, at St. Paul's Church, with Reverend D. Lee Cullen, Jr., Pastor, officiating. Interment was at Glen Eden Memorial Park (Livonia, MI).

Memorial tributes to the St. Paul's Debt Fund or ALMS of St. Paul's Church - Community Outreach would be greatly appreciated by the Milatz family.

Edna H. Milatz of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, April 5, 2007, at the age of 89.

The Romulus native and lifelong resident was born on Saturday, May 5, 1917.

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The Police Blotter

Thanks to Sergeant Michael Smith for submitting the following summary of the Romulus Police Department's significant activity from March 19, 2007, to April 1, 2007, and from April 8, 2007, to April 14, 2007. (No data was submitted for April 2-7.)

Note that information is presented in the following format: date, time, type of call, and general location.

Monday, March 19

- 1:43 a.m. – Health & Safety (block of 15700 Isabelle)
- 8:11 a.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 11:18 a.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 1:38 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6210 Carnegie)
- 4:54 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 35500 Stephanie)
- 4:55 p.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 29000 Leroy)
- 5:12 p.m. – Larceny (block of 8320 Merriman)
- 8:48 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 37200 McBride)
- 11:05 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15200 Spruce Ct.)

Tuesday, March 20

- 9:47 a.m. – Juvenile Complaint/Runaway (JC/R) (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 12:56 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile) (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 4:26 p.m. – Rescue (block of 35600 Garner)
- 8:43 p.m. – Fight (Colbert – no address specified)

Wednesday, March 21

- 3:00 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 15000 Hillway)
- 6:34 a.m. – Bomb Threats (block of 9650 Wayne)
- 11:06 a.m. – Larceny (block of 11100 Wayne)
- 2:18 p.m. – Child Abuse/Neglect (block of 16200 Eastwind)
- 4:26 p.m. – Larceny (block of 6740 Middlebelt)
- 5:44 p.m. – Assault & Battery (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 8:25 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35600 Stephanie)
- 8:35 p.m. – Robbery (block of 9260 Wayne)
- 8:37 p.m. – Larceny (block of 16200 Wildfox)
- 9:48 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 27400 Ecorse)
- 10:25 p.m. – Rescue (block of 6060 Panam)

- 11:24 p.m. – Fight (block of 12000 Craig)
- ## Thursday, March 22
- 1:48 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 15000 Hillway)
 - 8:23 a.m. – Larceny (block of 28800 Goddard)
 - 9:23 a.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 27400 Ecorse)
 - 11:09 a.m. – Bad Checks (reported at RPD headquarters)
 - 2:26 p.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 38100 Ecorse)
 - 3:34 p.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 6550 Ball)
 - 3:35 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 5930 Middlebelt)
 - 5:37 p.m. – Larceny (block of 14400 Inkster)
 - 6:15 p.m. – Larceny (block of 8320 Merriman)
 - 6:32 p.m. – JC/R (block of 15500 Brandt)
 - 7:22 p.m. – Larceny (block of 31800 Wick)
 - 10:02 p.m. – Robbery Alarm (block of 27600 Hildebrandt)

Friday, March 23

- 12:23 a.m. – JC/R (block of 9950 Wayne)
- 11:40 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 34000 McBride)
- 2:21 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 3:34 p.m. – JC/R (block of 15500 Brandt)
- 3:41 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 11500 Whitehorn)

Saturday, March 24

- 12:16 a.m. – Shots Fired (block of 6730 Niagara)
- 2:19 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35800 Concord Dr.)
- 2:40 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 6220 Middlebelt)
- 4:37 a.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 16200 Eastwind)
- 9:44 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 36600 Goddard)
- 2:27 p.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 36000 Van Born)
- 3:49 p.m. – JC/R (block of 15500 Taft)
- 9:12 p.m. – JC/R (block of 30500 Teak Ln.)
- 9:41 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 6100 Cordell)

Sunday, March 25

- 3:15 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 9300 Essex)
- 4:20 a.m. – UDAA (block of 6130 E. Alexander)
- 4:33 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 38900 Rodeo)

- 12:56 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 6740 Middlebelt)
- 1:32 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 28600 S. Maple)
- 1:50 p.m. – UDAA (block of 6130 E. Alexander)
- 2:46 p.m. – Property Damage/Malicious Destruction of Property (PD/MDOP) (block of 6550 Merriman)

Monday, March 26

- 1:51 a.m. – Operating [a Vehicle] Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL) (block of 15000 Middlebelt)
- 7:54 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 11200 Delano)
- 7:55 a.m. – Miscellaneous Duties (block of 12600 Wayne)
- 11:29 a.m. – Larceny (block of 9800 Inkster)
- 11:43 a.m. – JC/R (block of 39100 Cherokee)
- 1:50 p.m. – UDAA (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 2:26 p.m. – Fight (block of 16300 Harrison)
- 2:33 p.m. – JC/R (block of 39100 Cherokee)
- 2:45 p.m. – Fight (block of 9770 Wayne)
- 3:06 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 28100 Edinburgh Dr.)
- 3:55 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 30200 Cherry)
- 4:20 p.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 16300 Harrison)
- 6:41 p.m. – JC/R (block of 32200 Beverly)
- 6:41 p.m. – Larceny (block of 27600 Goddard)
- 9:09 p.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 15000 Brookway)
- 9:16 p.m. – Homicide (block of 15000 Plain Way)
- 9:57 p.m. – Well-being Check (block of 9500 Middlebelt)
- 11:16 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 35500 Stephanie)
- 11:53 p.m. – Missing Person (block of 6340 Merriman)

Tuesday, March 27

- 12:00 a.m. – OUIL (block of 7100 Merriman)
- 12:42 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 9000 Wickham)
- 1:00 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 8500 Wickham)
- 2:32 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 8600 Merriman)
- 6:42 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 35900 Bibbins)
- 10:38 a.m. – Rescue (block of 11800 Wayne)

- 11:25 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 8320 Merriman)
- 11:26 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 35200 Smith)
- 12:04 p.m. – UDAA (block of 36500 Bibbins)
- 2:13 p.m. – Dumping/Littering (block of 37400 Northline)
- 4:30 p.m. – Larceny (block of 31400 Ecorse)
- 4:51 p.m. – UDAA (block of 35200 Michele)
- 5:11 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 29000 River Oak)
- 5:31 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 9520 Biddle)
- 5:59 p.m. – UDAA (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 6:16 p.m. – UDAA (block of 27400 Ecorse)
- 9:28 p.m. – Rescue (block of 13200 Homefield)
- 10:26 p.m. – OUIL (block of 29400 Ecorse)
- 11:59 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 13000 Inkster)

Wednesday, March 28

- 1:10 a.m. – Shots Fired (block of 8400 Camden Dr.)
- 9:51 a.m. – Death Investigation (block of 12600 Hannan)
- 11:09 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 9520 Biddle)
- 12:16 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 11200 Metro Airport Center Dr.)
- 12:46 p.m. – Assault & Battery (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 1:33 p.m. – Larceny (block of 7520 Cogswell)
- 1:36 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 28500 Leroy)
- 2:13 p.m. – Fight (block of 9950 Wayne)
- 2:32 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 9520 Biddle)
- 2:59 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 15400 Orchard)
- 3:13 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 7040 Abilene)
- 3:58 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 11100 Wayne)
- 6:31 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 31100 Flynn Dr.)
- 9:25 p.m. – Larceny (block of 7000 Merriman)
- 10:32 p.m. – OUIL (block of 34400 Eureka)

Thursday, March 29

- 1:06 a.m. – JC/R (block of 9450 Biddle)
- 3:17 a.m. – Rescue (block of 8600 Merriman)

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- 4:26 a.m. – UDAA
(block of 38600 Tempe)
- 5:56 a.m. – Rescue
(block of 30900 E. I-94)
- 8:04 a.m. – Threats
(block of 38200 Wick)
- 8:52 a.m. – Breaking & Entering
(block of 28400 Beverly)
- 11:25 a.m. – Breaking & Entering
(block of 34900 Julie)
- 4:20 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble
(block of 29000 Leroy)
- 5:11 p.m. – Loud Music
(block of 28400 Halecreek)
- 5:41 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 9360 Tobine)
- 8:56 p.m. – Fraud Complaint
(block of 9300 Lisa)

Friday, March 30

- 2:52 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 6710 Merriman)
- 12:43 p.m. – Fraud Complaint
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 12:51 p.m. – Dumping/Littering
(block of 38000 Jay Kay Dr.)
- 1:14 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 11300 Hannan)
- 1:43 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 28700 Van Born)
- 2:26 p.m. – Larceny
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 2:42 p.m. – UDAA
(block of 29100 Wick)
- 3:26 p.m. – Fight
(block of 34500 Hearst)
- 4:36 p.m. – Threats
(block of 39000 Huron River Dr.)
- 5:22 p.m. – UDAA
(block of 5910 Esther)
- 6:10 p.m. – Rescue
(block of 29400 E. I-94)
- 7:56 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 6600 Washington)
- 8:05 p.m. – Robbery Alarm
(block of 27600 Hildebrandt)
- 8:36 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 32000 Bruce)
- 9:59 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 36500 Goddard)
- 10:19 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 9370 Washington)

Saturday, March 31

- 1:17 a.m. – Loud Music
(block of 5910 Airborne)
- 1:26 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 31800 Wick)
- 3:30 a.m. – Abandoned Vehicle
(block of 15000 S. I-275)
- 9:54 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 38200 Tyler)
- 10:44 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 8030 Merriman)
- 11:21 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 8010 Merriman)
- 12:57 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 34200 Pinewood Ln.)
- 2:39 p.m. – Loud Music
(block of 6970 Niagara)
- 2:39 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 9380 Barry)

- 5:19 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 16200 Eastwind)
- 6:26 p.m. – UDAA
(block of 35600 Garner)
- 8:08 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 6110 Loraine)
- 9:42 p.m. – Breaking & Entering
(block of 15000 Meadow)
- 10:05 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 8420 Whitehorn)
- 11:51 p.m. – OUIL
(block of 35400 Eureka)
- 11:52 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 7020 Niagara)

Sunday, April 1

- 12:19 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 8000 Merriman)
- 9:32 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 9:39 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 29100 Leroy)
- 2:23 p.m. – Trespassing
(block of 36900 McBride)
- 6:23 p.m. – Breaking & Entering
(block of 5930 Panam)
- 7:54 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 8300 Whitehorn)
- 9:42 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 6690 Merriman)
- 11:22 p.m. – Well-being Checks
(block of 8230 Merriman)

Sunday, April 8

- 12:52 a.m. – Loud Music
(block of 31200 Ecorse)
- 1:34 a.m. – Rescue
(block of 11000 Delano)
- 2:20 p.m. – Family Trouble
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 2:31 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 16700 Jessica Ln.)
- 3:19 p.m. – Rescue
(block of 34400 McBride)
- 4:47 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 38700 Seminole Ct.)
- 7:34 p.m. – Loud Music
(block of 6010 Carnegie)
- 8:24 p.m. – Fight
(block of 9790 Lisa)
- 8:37 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 15000 Mesa Way)

Monday, April 9

- 12:25 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 6430 Laramie)
- 12:33 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 6430 Laramie)
- 3:09 a.m. – Shots Fired
(block of 9520 Biddle)
- 7:21 a.m. – Missing Person
(block of 16200 Middlebelt)
- 8:15 a.m. – Threats
(block of 32300 Gateway Dr.)
- 8:16 a.m. – Breaking & Entering
(block of 35700 Northline)
- 8:37 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 15900 Woodmont)
- 11:06 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 11500 Delano)
- 12:23 p.m. – Assault & Battery
(block of 8000 Merriman)
- 12:27 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 6100 E. Maple)

- 12:59 p.m. – UDAA
(block of 13500 Huron River Dr.)
- 4:23 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 16200 Harrison)
- 5:50 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 9540 Tobine)
- 10:20 p.m. – Breaking & Entering
(block of 28500 Halecreek)

Tuesday, April 10

- 2:15 a.m. – OUIL
(block of 8200 Middlebelt)
- 2:18 a.m. – OUIL
(block of 5800 Middlebelt)
- 9:49 a.m. – Harassment Complaint
(block of 28800 Goddard)
- 10:55 a.m. – Breaking & Entering
(block of 10200 Loraine)
- 12:05 p.m. – Breaking & Entering
(block of 11000 Whitehorn)
- 12:59 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 15400 Brandt)
- 1:14 p.m. – Assault & Battery
(block of 27400 Eureka)
- 2:10 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 30600 Redwood)
- 2:45 p.m. – UDAA
(block of 9530 Biddle)
- 3:37 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 35600 Herman)
- 4:45 p.m. – Larceny
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 4:57 p.m. – Recovered UDAA
(block of 29100 Wick)
- 6:25 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 9600 Middlebelt)
- 6:33 p.m. – Fight
(block of 10100 Shook)

Wednesday, April 11

- 12:43 a.m. – Health & Safety
(block of 15700 Birch Ct.)
- 3:56 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 15700 Birch Ct.)
- 4:45 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 11200 Moore)
- 6:48 a.m. – Breaking & Entering
(block of 15000 Brookway)
- 8:16 a.m. – Missing Person
(block of 16200 Middlebelt)
- 9:57 a.m. – Child Abuse/Neglect
(block of 34200 Pine Wood Cir.)
- 11:54 a.m. – Threats
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 4:11 p.m. – Minors in Possession
(block of 16300 Cork Tree)
- 4:16 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 9630 Marc)
- 4:59 p.m. – UDAA
(block of 38400 Huron River Dr.)
- 5:24 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 8000 Merriman)
- 6:03 p.m. – Breaking & Entering
(block of 15500 Orchard)
- 6:05 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 9520 Washington)

Thursday, April 12

- 1:13 a.m. – Felonious Assault
(block of 5970 W. Maple)
- 9:01 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 28800 Goddard)
- 10:08 a.m. – Vagrant
(block of 28400 Cherry)

- 11:09 a.m. – Threats
(block of 12000 Graig)
- 11:48 a.m. – Health & Safety
(block of 37000 Ferndale)
- 12:14 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 14200 Harrison)
- 12:55 p.m. – Breaking & Entering
(block of 36900 Goddard)
- 1:15 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation
(block of 5840 Fourth)
- 6:06 p.m. – Assault & Battery
(block of 9760 Lisa)
- 8:24 p.m. – Breaking & Entering
(block of 8200 Wahrman)
- 11:28 p.m. – Harassment Complaint
(reported at RPD headquarters)

Friday, April 13

- 8:27 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 9510 Michael)
- 8:32 a.m. – UDAA
(block of 30100 Jamestown)
- 8:54 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 6920 Brandt)
- 10:06 a.m. – Death Investigation
(block of 37000 Ferndale)
- 10:28 a.m. – Rescue
(block of 35500 Stephanie)
- 11:26 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 28700 Van Born)
- 11:40 a.m. – Breaking & Entering
(block of 15600 Harriet)
- 2:30 p.m. – Threats
(block of 30500 Flynn Dr.)
- 3:41 p.m. – Pursuit
(block of 15900 Springhill)
- 3:45 p.m. – Harassment Complaint
(block of 29000 Leroy)
- 5:39 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 9450 Terry)
- 11:45 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 9090 Wickham)

Saturday, April 14

- 12:40 a.m. – Fight
(block of 35800 Garner)
- 12:52 a.m. – Rescue
(block of 37500 Castle Dr.)
- 12:58 a.m. – Fight
(block of 35500 Stephanie)
- 1:03 a.m. – Loud Music
(block of 5880 Georgia)
- 1:48 a.m. – Rescue
(block of 9090 Wickham)
- 7:29 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 8610 Whitehorn)
- 8:20 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 39800 E. Huron River Dr.)
- 11:48 a.m. – Fraud Complaint
(block of 27400 Eureka)
- 3:32 p.m. – Fight
(block of 35400 Garner)
- 4:58 p.m. – OUIL
(block of 35500 Ecorse)
- 4:59 p.m. – OUIL
(block of 37400 Eureka)
- 7:24 p.m. – Trespassing
(block of 38900 Tempe)
- 10:08 p.m. – Harassment Complaint
(block of 5930 E. Maple)
- 11:18 p.m. – Robbery
(block of 34000 McBride) □

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Obituaries

Charles W. Coak

Charles W. Coak of Inkster, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, April 3, 2007, at the age of 60.

The Vietnam veteran was born on Monday, November 11, 1946.

Charles is survived by his wife, Charmaine Coak; four children, Charles Thomas (Van Buren Township, MI), Cathleen Annette (Inkster), John Paul (Inkster), and Steve William (Belleville, MI); his brother, Marvin (Cynthia) Coak (Romulus); 3 grandchildren; 1 step-

grandchild; and several nephews and nieces.

Among those who predeceased him were his father, Marvin, who passed away on May 22, 1971, and his mother, June, who passed away on November 15, 2006.

Military rites were given at Great Lakes National Cemetery (Holly, MI). Arrangements were entrusted to John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home (Garden City, MI).

Edward B. Disney

Edward B. Disney of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, April 5, 2007, at the age of 63.

Edward – a native of Totz (Harlan County), Kentucky – was born on Sunday, October 10, 1943. The General Motors retiree (1989) enjoyed fishing, hunting, cards, and playing the banjo.

Surviving Edward are 3 sons, Bruce Disney (Taylor, MI), Robert Disney (Romulus), and Clifford Disney (Romulus); a daughter, Patty Leigh (Romulus); 2 sisters, Betty (Johnny) Johnson (Dearborn Heights, MI) and Bonnie Adkins (Carleton, MI); 5 brothers, Herbert (Belleville, MI), Eulis (Belleville), Samuel (Taylor), Roger (Taylor), and David Disney (Belleville); and 6 grandchildren.

Among those who preceded him in passing were his parents, Ben and Matilda (Dove) Disney; a sister, Edna Monroe; and 5 brothers, Kenneth, Johnny, Ronald, Claude, and Clarence Disney.

A funeral service was held on Monday, April 9, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Reverend Harold H. Clark and Pastor David Miles officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). Memorial tributes to the American Cancer Society would be greatly appreciated.

Thomas M. Janack, Jr.

Thomas M. Janack, Jr., of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Friday, April 13, 2007, at the age of 57.

The native of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, was born on Monday, December 12, 1949.

Thomas – fondly known as "Tom" or "The Beast" – was a member of the Romulus High Investment Club and a charter member of the Western Wayne and Green Bananas investment clubs. His many interests included baseball cards, keno, bowling, golf, watching Tigers baseball games, and partying.

Surviving Tom are his brother, Mark A. (Judy) Janack (Belleville, MI); 2 nephews, Mark Janack and Scott (Linda) Janack; and 2 nieces, Jamie (Kelly) Baker and Angela Janack.

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Edward Louis Meyer, Jr.

Edward Louis Meyer, Jr., of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Wednesday, April 4, 2007, at the age of 84.

The son of the late Edward Louis and Eleanor T. (Gabelman) Meyer, Sr., was born in Detroit, Michigan, on Wednesday, May 31, 1922.

Edward proudly served his country in the US Army during World War II. He opened, and operated for many years, both Meyer Electric (Romulus) and Ed's Gun Shop (Romulus). A member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (Romulus) and the National Rifle Association, he was an avid hunter and loved to travel.

Surviving Edward are his wife, M. Nancy (Brown) Meyer; a daughter, Susan (Mark) Koehler (Belleville, MI); a

son, E. John Meyer (Belleville); a grandson, Eric John Meyer; 2 sisters, Ruth Ladd (Canton, MI) and Mildred Snook (Romulus); and many other family members and friends.

Among those who predeceased him was his first wife, Ida Katherine (Leuenberger) Meyer, who passed away on April 12, 1998.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, April 11, at David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville), with Pastor James A. Frey officiating. Interment was at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park (Livonia, MI). Memorial contributions to the National Rifle Association or the American Cancer Society would be greatly appreciated.

Sylvia Ruth Thompson

Sylvia Ruth Thompson of Hale, Michigan – formerly of Romulus, Michigan – passed away on Sunday, April 8, 2007, at the age of 59.

The daughter of Raymond and Nell Ruth (Justice) Coggins was born on April 26, 1947, in Sylva, North Carolina.

After moving to Michigan with her husband, James Thompson, Sylvia worked in a factory in Taylor, and also worked as a cosmetologist for 35 years. In 1996, she graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a degree in education, and was a member of the Kappa Delta Pi sorority. She was employed for 18 years (before retiring in 2002) with the Romulus Community Schools, where she worked as a learning specialist.

Following her retirement, Sylvia and her husband moved to Hale, where she found the time to join the Hale Eagles and be a Girl Scouts leader, and to assist with a cheerleading program.

Sylvia enjoyed working with children, snowmobiling, fishing, playing board games, shopping, traveling, and visiting casinos. She especially loved the time that she spent with her family.

Surviving Sylvia are her husband of 41 years; a son, Todd (Rosezena) Coggins (Hendersonville, NV); 4 daughters, Sherri (Charles) Gates (Romulus), Kimberly (Samuel) Wells (Romulus), Jaime (Lawrence) Nemeth (Garden City, MI), and Stephanie (Micheal) Mitchell (Huron Township, MI); 12 grandchildren, Michael Thompson, Billy and Jessica Rhodes, Rosezena and Tabitha Coggins, Samuel and Manthalee Wells, Hunter and Kyle Nemeth, and Shelby, Michael, and Rebecca Mitchell; a great-grandson, Michael Thompson; a sister, Dorothy (Kenneth) Corder; and a stepfather, Bert Bohanon.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, April 11, at the Hale Chapel of the Buresh-Bennett Funeral Home, with Reverend Bruce Mitchell officiating.



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